

EIGHT BANKS IN AREA BACK GROWERS' PLEA



SEEKING 15,000 SIGNATURES: Leaders of the Committee for the Survival of the Michigan Fruit and Vegetable Industry are seen with Robert Reinink, (second from left) president of the First National Bank of Watervliet, looking over the petition

which seeks to have the government assume some of the bill for migrant housing. Grower committee members from left are Ronald Baiers and Alton Wendzel, co-chairman; and Gordon Willmeng, secretary; all of Watervliet. (Staff photo)

Red Tape Irks Fisherman, 75

Loses License For Failure To Complete Forms

By JOAN PROSCH-JENSEN
Fennville Correspondent

SAUGATUCK — "When the government wants to build a road across a farmer's property, they buy the land and pay the estimated loss of income from the crops planted there," said Ruben Sewers. "If it's fair for the farmer, why should the fisherman be treated differently?" he asked.

The 75-year-old commercial fisherman from Saugatuck believes he has a right to complain. After 69 years in his chosen vocation, the Department of Natural Resources has denied him a license.

In a letter, the DNR explained the license would not be re-issued because of failure to comply with the necessary requirement to fish Lake Michigan 50 times a season.

Sewers claims the fishermen were not aware of the requirement until last September. "After all," he said, "you go into the lake when you think you're going to catch fish."

The unwelcome letter mentioned the last three years. Sewers admits to being a poor bookkeeper and said even

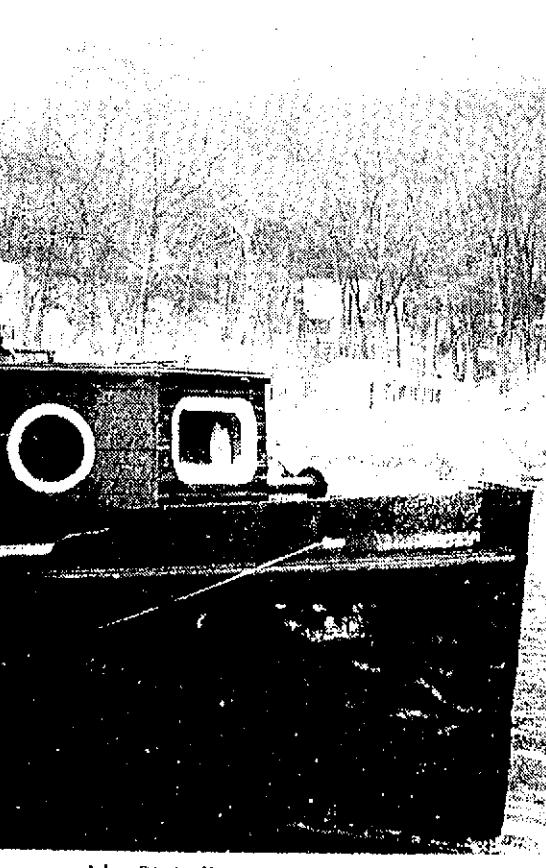
though he fished Lake Michigan approximately 200 times in 1967, he did not always fill the complicated report on where fish were caught, depth and type of nets used, average size and weight and other existing conditions.

The local man joined other fishermen up and down the Michigan coast in the last two years, to protest the loss of income on whitefish. He said, "Even though there is no restriction on whitefish, we cannot catch them because they (DNR) won't let us use the right kind of nets. This year they have almost eliminated club fishing because they won't let us fish close enough to shore.

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PINK SLIP: Ruben Sewers, 75, Saugatuck fisherman since the age of 6, reads notice from State Department of Natural Resources that his commercial license will not be renewed.



OUT OF A JOB?: Veteran fisherman Ruben Sewers stands on deck of fish tug, looking down Kalamazoo river toward Lake Michigan. Denied a license

renewal by State Department of Natural Resources because he failed to keep records, he wonders if he ever will fish again. (Prosch-Jensen photos)

Migrant Housing Aid Sought

Zollar Blames U.S. Rules For Farm Problem

Concerned with a serious financial plight of many area fruit and vegetable growers, representatives of eight area banks Friday afternoon gave their backing to a grower proposal that the government assume some financial responsibility for migrant housing.

The bank officials went on record Friday afternoon favoring a petition being circulated by a group of area growers that proposes that migrant housing be considered the responsibility of the general public and that farming industry be relieved of the financial obligation.

Two of the eight banking representatives said the net worth of farming in southwestern Michigan has fallen at least 50 per cent in the last five years due to the poor prices growers receive for their products.

The bankers met with several members of the recently formed Committee for the Survival of the Michigan Fruit and Vegetable Industry at the Hilton Inn, Benton Harbor.

ZOLLAR CRITICAL

Meanwhile, State Sen. Charles Zollar (R-Benton Harbor) entered the discussion over the inspection of migrant labor facilities in Michigan. He voiced protest Friday afternoon against what he termed unrealistic federal standards enforced by federal government inspectors.

He declared that if the federal labor department is making a "major social issue" of migrant housing that it ought to help pay costs of the housing demanded.

Leaders of the committee have announced that a public meeting for all parties interested in the problem will be held at 8 p.m. Monday at the Youth Memorial Building, fairgrounds, Berrien Springs.

Robert Reinink, president of the First National Bank of Watervliet, said at the bankers' gathering yesterday that "the people in all phases of agriculture (in the area) have decreased their capital holdings by 10 per cent or more per year

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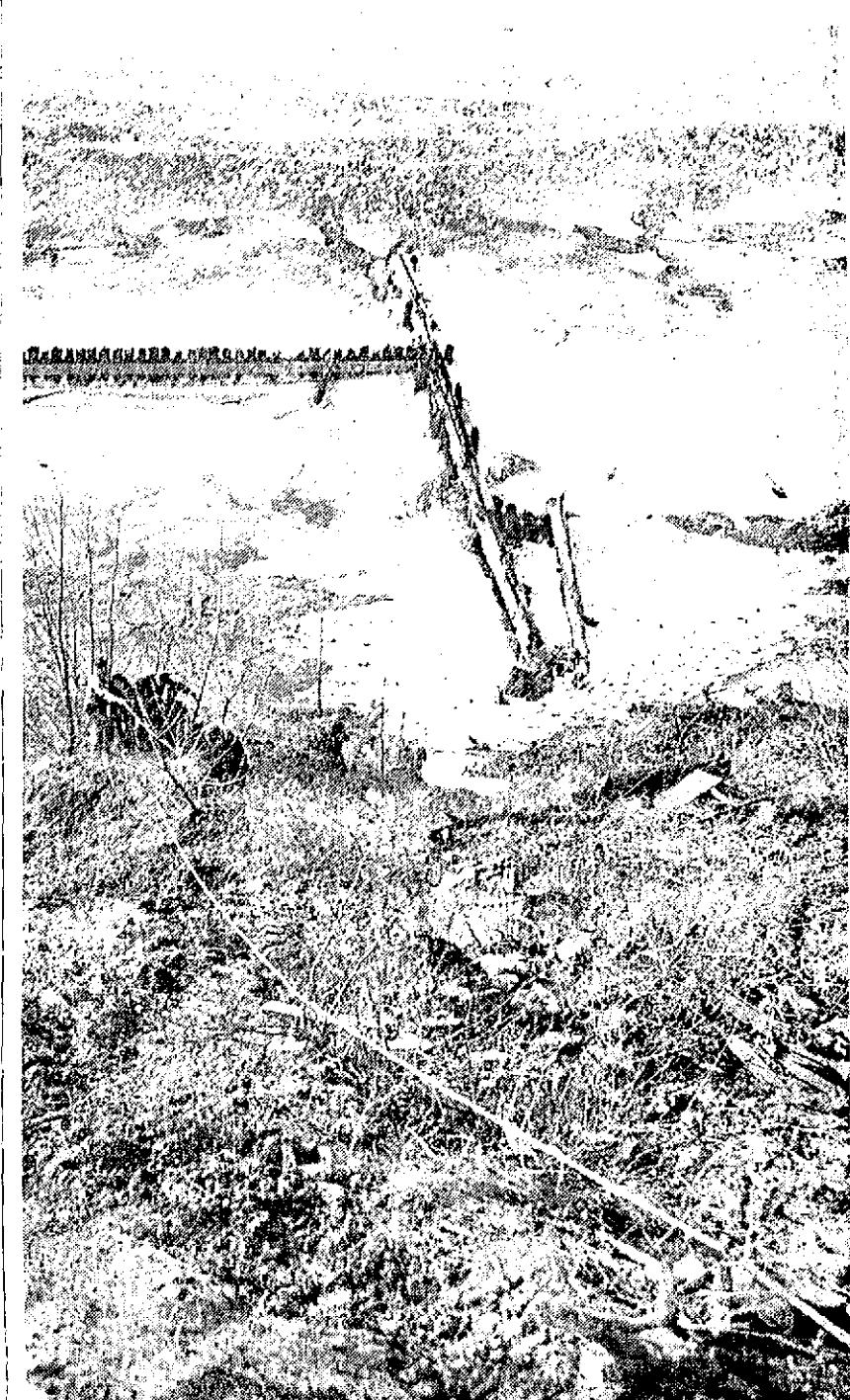
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LONG CLIMB BACK: Mrs. Elmer (Bobbie) Kublick, 37, of 3204 Lakeshore drive, St. Joseph, was pulled up this eroded 200-foot bluff on Lake Michigan Friday after she had lost her footing and rolled off her backyard to the Lake Shore. St. Joseph police and firemen with the aid of neighbors and relatives joined in rescuing her. She complained of back pains but said she had no other injury. Officer Clifford Munson and firemen Ronald Heppler and John Heier climbed to the bottom of the bluff, near her home to assist her. According to Munson, Mrs. Kublick had been looking over the bluff behind her home, about 75 feet north of this spot, when she lost her footing and plunged to the bottom. Two of Mrs. Kublick's children and a niece who were nearby ran to a relative's house next door to summon help.



PULL FROM TOP: St. Joseph firemen and neighbors pull rope at top of the bluff in aiding Mrs. Bobbie Kublick and men assisting her to reach the top. Mrs. Kublick fell from her backyard 200 feet to the lake shore. She lives in an area of south St. Joseph that is heavily eroded by Lake Michigan and much property has been lost to the lake. The rescue took about 45 minutes. St. Joseph Fire Lt. Sylvester Sands directed the rescue operation atop the bluff.

(Staff Photos)

Bovo To Trial For Bribery; Conspiracy Charge Dropped

A former Twin Cities bail bondsman accused of bribing a police officer was ordered Friday to stand trial in circuit court by Fifth District Judge John T. Hammond.

Frank Bovo, 35, is charged with giving Sheriff's Deputy Ronald Immoos a \$200 bribe on Dec. 4, 1969, in exchange for special favors and advance information on gambling investigations of the sheriff's department.

Judge Hammond, however,

refused to bind Bovo to circuit court on the companion charge upheld Immoos' testimony on the conspiracy charge. However, Hammond dismissed the conspiracy charge without

allowing the prosecutor to revive it at a later time.

The judge's rulings followed a stipulation between Taylor and Bovo's attorney, Ivan E. Barris of Detroit, in which sides agreed to amend the original charge to include a charge of bribery.

Bribery to bribe carries a maximum penalty of four years and \$12,000 fine. Bribery carries a maximum penalty of four years and \$2,600.

Bovo continues free on \$4,000 bond.

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Editorial Page

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Making It Look Like New Taxes Are Painless

An unusual alliance of urban Democrats and rural Republicans formed the nucleus this week for slim passage in the Michigan House of Representatives of a \$1.2 billion school aid bill for next school year.

The measure has a rocky road ahead of it.

It appropriates \$248 million more than the Senate school aid bill adopted late last year. Heavy in-fighting appears certain when the bill is revised by a joint Senate-House conference committee for final legislative action.

The House bill is \$270 million

more than Gov. William Milliken requested in various education reform and budget messages.

This could foreshadow a veto even if the House total came through conference intact.

But the toughest hurdle is that the House bill would require

adoption of big tax increases to fund it. And this is an election year with legislators particularly wary of taxpayers' sensitivity.

For the House bill to survive and become law, a companion tax measure sponsored by Rep. Roy Spencer, Attica Republican would have to be adopted.

The Spencer plan would revise

the state income tax upward by

35 per cent, an annual increase of \$420 million.

The personal state income tax rate would climb to 3.6 per cent, up .9 per cent;

the corporate rate to 7.7 per cent, up

2.1 per cent; and that on

Eyeng User Taxes

One of the dangers with user taxes which, at their inception at least, are designed to bring in revenue for certain people who use those services, is that if they prove successful revenue-raisers, it is not long until someone wants to divert part of the funds to some other purpose.

Take the Highway Trust Fund. This fund consists of moneys raised entirely through various taxes on motorists and it is restricted to use on highway projects. It is a successful fund which is expected to bring in about \$4.5 billion during the next fiscal year.

A number of people, including Treasury Secretary David Kennedy, want to abolish the fund and divert at least some of its revenue to aid urban mass transit systems. The reasoning is that it is all in the area of transportation anyway, and maybe by relieving city congestion through mass transit systems it wouldn't be necessary to build so many highways.

Perhaps, but that is not the point. If mass transit systems can replace the need for the automobile in some cities, and consequently lower the pressure for new highways somewhat and the funds which support them, the logical reaction would be to reduce the motorists' taxes accordingly and find some way of adding a user tax for those enjoying the new method of travel.

Anyway, the argument for diverting funds from the highway fund to another purpose because fewer dollars may be needed for highways in the future is self-defeating. If the number of miles traveled by automobiles drops in ratio to new transit systems installed, revenues into the highway fund also would decline since the largest source is the gasoline tax.

That is the history of user taxes. They rise and fall in direct proportion to the use of the services provided. They possess no inherent magic which keeps them constant even after use has been curtailed.

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financial institutions to 9.5 per cent, up 2.5 per cent.

But this isn't all. A revolutionary feature of the Spencer tax proposal is authorization for local school boards to impose a new income tax, under certain circumstances, of up to 2 per cent. This would be over and above the federal, state and city (where applicable) levies on income. In general, the tax could be imposed if property taxes for school purposes were cut to between 10 and 20 mills. The statewide average is 24 mills. Many districts in Southwestern Michigan have rates around 30 mills.

At the 10-mill level, the full 2 per cent income tax could be imposed. At 15 mills, an income levy of 1 per cent would be allowed.

Spencer is holding out the bait of reduced property taxes to make his new local school income tax look attractive. It's a delusion. Anyone who thinks another new tax is going to make less taxes has got to be a glutton for punishment.

Spencer proves the point himself by asking simultaneously for a 35 per cent increase in a state income tax that was new to Michigan only two years ago.

Basically, Spencer is grinding the axe for a public school lobby that knows only one answer to every problem — more money. And he's getting help, ironically, from parochial supporters who mistakenly assume no price is too high to pay for establishing the principle of state aid to church-run schools. The \$1.2 billion House bill includes only \$22 million for parochial aid.

Actually, state aid to private and parochial schools very well may be an idea whose time has come. Certainly, public schools — especially in many larger cities — rapidly are devolving into something that varies between a haven for mediocrity and an adventure in chaos. A good dose of competition may be the only answer for improving K-12 education.

Outright grants to church-related schools, as set up in both the Senate and House school aid bills, do not, however, appear to be the best method for sponsoring competition. A more acceptable method, on many grounds, might be the "voucher system" proposed several years ago by the University of Chicago's famed economist, Dr. Milton Friedman. Each child has an equal amount of tax money coming for his education. It goes to the school he and his parents choose — public, private or parochial.

Such a system gives each student freedom of choice and at least appears, depending on how the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately looks at the matter, less likely to be in violation of the constitutional rule of church-state separation.

Neighboring Canada has had a version of the voucher system for many years. And at last reports the Pope wasn't running Ottawa, even though the Cardinal is top hat in Quebec.

Caribbean Paradise

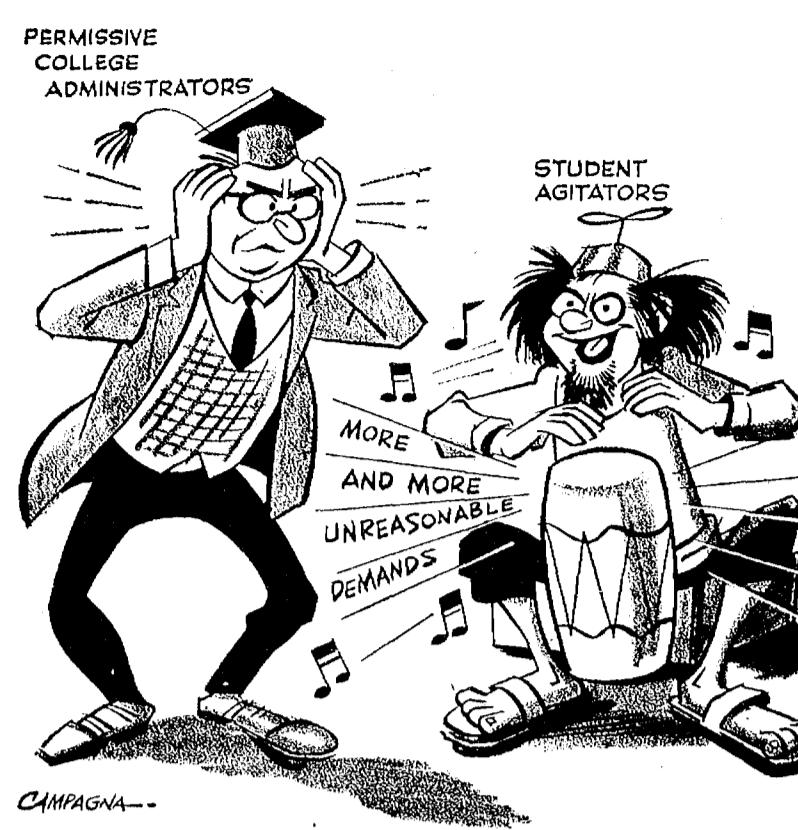
That paragon of socialist virtue in the Caribbean is going all out to convince its comrades in self destruction elsewhere it has learned all there is to learn about removing those terrible capitalist incentives from production and replacing them with unflinching sacrifice for the state.

First, Fidel Castro announced Christmas would be postponed until July because the sugar field workers refused to take time off from the joys of working for the state until the job was done. A few days ago the Cuban saviour came up with a still better idea.

Visiting the sugar fields with other Cuban and North Vietnamese officials, Castro proclaimed, in the name of the people, that henceforth "we will assassinate without a thought of any kind" anyone trying to sabotage the sugar crop.

The word "sabotage" covers a wide latitude in Castroland. It is merely the benevolent one's way of providing the incentive needed to produce the record 10-million-ton crop he has called for in 1969. The workers received the message.

Crazy Rhythm



GLANCING BACKWARDS

PLANS TO LINK BH-SJ PLANT

—1 Year Ago—

Prospects of expanding the Twin Cities sewage treatment plant to serve St. Joseph and Lincoln townships and the Village of Stevensville will be discussed next week by representatives of all governmental units involved.

Hopes for joining the Twin Cities sewage treatment operation hinge on needs of the Bendix Corp. Lakeshore plant, said Harry Gast, Jr., Lincoln township supervisor. Bendix official also will attend the meeting Monday.

HEATH CO. ENTERS NEW TOY FIELD

—10 Years Ago—

Allan W. Greene, president of

the Heath Co., today signaled his firm's entry into the toy field with the announcement that Heath would, for the first time, exhibit at the Toy Fair in New York City.

The New toy line for youngsters 8-16 years old will consist of electronic experimenter kits of many types and will be known as the "Heathkit Jr. Science Explorer Series."

VISITS MEXICO

—35 Years Ago—

Dr. P. G. Hanna, director of health in St. Joseph, and his wife and Miss Katherine Yeomans Lake View avenue, took one of the Prairie Farmer WLS tours, visiting Mexico City, and stopping at New Orleans on the way home.

BUY HOME

—15 Years Ago—

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kolberg of 1433 Napier avenue bought the D. Gleason home at 814 Park street, and are settled in their new home.

APPLICATION BLANKS

—53 Years Ago—

Owners of automobiles and motorcycles may in the future obtain application blanks for state licenses at the county clerk's office. This will save writing to the secretary of state for them.

INVESTMENT

—70 Years Ago—

Len Merchant has invested in a lot at Dauphin Park, Chicago, from which he hopes to realize a snug profit in a year or two.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

STATE BILL CALLED AID TO FAMILIES

In a recent edition of the paper an article appeared on a House bill which would create a State Department of Family Relations to take over jurisdiction in matters pertaining to dissolution of marriages, child custody, separate maintenance, etc. This bill was introduced by Rep. John Bennett, D-Redford.

I sent for a copy of the bill to read in detail. It is House bill No. 4108. The sole purpose of the Department of Family Relations appears to be the mustering of expert resources in the assistance of families in trouble. It is intended to do all that can be done to maintain family integrity.

This bill deserves support for its passage. I would like to prevail upon the reader to write to Rep. John Bennett in support of this measure. And to Reps. Mittan and Pears.

Family dissolution has reached epidemic proportions in our nation, and the prevailing adversary approach of our courts only tend to exacerbate the antagonisms of married couples in the throes of litigation.

Further, family dissolutions certainly create an unhealthy social climate, which leads to the kinds of unrest evident about us daily. The State (which means you and I) bears the costs in more or less hidden form. By this I mean such costs as our burgeoning welfare costs, police, drug addiction, etc.

The family is the fortress for emotional security for our children. This is their retreat from the pressures of schools, gangs, breaching, our society must be prepared to meet the continuing and rising costs.

I say let us give families a helping hand. This new law would be a landmark for Michigan, and other states.

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Editor,
The Herald-Press:

RESPONSE GENEROUS TO NIGERIAN APPEAL

Never have the people of Michigan responded so generously to a CARE appeal as the one for Nigerian relief and

they are destroying the very thing they need the most, namely, the full support of the American parent and democracy as a whole. The progress of the United States depends upon the service rendered by the American People, all the people, not a few who think they have the solution to our problems.

This is but a beginning. At least five years will be required to help bring about the self-sufficiency so greatly desired by these proud and able people. It is almost impossible to estimate the number of man-hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars this will involve.

In behalf of the people of Nigeria we extend heartfelt thanks to the people of Michigan and colleges should be administered until we are educated and experienced in that field.

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The Herald-Press:

TRY MORE, TALK LESS

The percentage of teenagers participating in the nationwide disorder is so relatively small as to cause little concern or doubt not only among the teenagers but the adults also. It was Franklin D. Roosevelt who said in his first inauguration speech back in 1932, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

The question is, what we, as a nation of free people, to fear when a conglomeration of irresponsible uncontrolled, undisciplined unhappy and ill-tempered American youth go on a follow the leader campaign to disrupt a society that has been a success since the American Revolution? Why are the constituents of both major parties, strong in themselves, so afraid of these scattered minority groups that those now in power scamper with their tails between their legs like a whipped or scared dog?

There are laws, statutory ones, that prohibit unlawful assembly. These confrontations and demonstrations, rioting, destruction, looting, burning are little less than anarchy, advocacy of anarchy if not criminal anarchy.

These misguided miscreants are not aware of the fact that their motives and actions are not approved of by millions of their own age group, nor are they cognizant of the fact that

they are destroying the very thing they need the most, namely, the full support of the American parent and democracy as a whole. The progress of the United States depends upon the service rendered by the American People, all the people, not a few who think they have the solution to our problems.

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In behalf of the people of Nigeria we extend heartfelt thanks to the people of Michigan and colleges should be administered until we are educated and experienced in that field.

Finally, if we will pay less attention to the problems of segregation and integration and place more stress upon efforts to prevent disintegration perhaps our problems will gradually cease. When assembling let us do so quietly, peacefully and do much listening to those who know all the facts, talking only if we have something of value to discuss.

Vote more, Talk less.

William A. Rodgers,
Bridgman, Michigan

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

A kid in the second grade explained to his teacher that the reason he wasn't wearing a clean shirt was that his mother had been called away to attend a funeral. "Well, what about your father?" asked the teacher. "Oh, he had to go to," kid nodded. "He's one of the polar bears."

Goodman Ace, today one of the highest paid writers in the world of radio and TV, aspired in his youth to be a famed thespian, and indeed became an eager if inconspicuous member of the cast of his high school class play, "The Fortune Hunter," just after he had graduated from short pants. He didn't have many lines to deliver, but he did have to appear in white tie and tails! "I don't remember too much about the play," admits Goody Ace, "but I will never forget that on my first entrance, I tripped over the doorsill and fell flat on my face. And, oh yes, I tripped over the same doorsill when I exited!"

RELIGION TODAY

Pensions Of Priests Are Confiscated

By REV. LESTER KINSOLVING

The deposing ("unfrocking") of a clergyman would appear, from the standpoint of Judeo-Christian ethics, a special tragedy in any denomination.

But the Episcopal Church, which in the last 15 years alone has deposed no less than 300 of its priests, actually profits from their unfrocking, by confiscating their earned pension benefits. Rev. Lester Kinsolving

Father Robinson, president of the denomination's \$190 million Church (clergy) Pension Fund, has disclosed that this income from confiscated clergy pensions is actually estimated in advance: an actuarial rate based upon anticipation on so many unfrockings per annum.

Episcopal priests may be deposed for such major offenses as civil crime, immorality or heresy (although this latter category was almost single-handedly outmoded by the late James A. Pike). They can also be deposed for such things as violating either canon (church) law or the rubrics (italicized directions) of the Book of Common Prayer; or even "conduct unbecoming a minister." As canon law has no definition of this extraordinarily vague concept, it is known to some clergy as "the Bishops' catch-all".

When a clergyman is tried and found guilty by an ecclesiastical court and deposed by his bishop, he is by no means the only sufferer. Usually his congregation suffers either because of what he has done to them — or to himself — or both.

If he is married, his family suffers. He has no unemployment insurance, rarely his own housing, rarely prior salary enough to have accumulated any savings, and frequently he has no training for a life's work other than the one which his deposition has just shattered.

And even in death he

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Twin City
News

DECISION SOON ON PAW PAW LAKE PROJECT

Church To Provide 'Daily Care'

Senior Citizens, Handicapped Will Get Call Each Day

The Union Memorial African Methodist Episcopal church is launching a new service in the Twin City area — "Daily Care," a protective system for senior citizens and handicapped persons.

Daily Care is a telephone reassurance plan in which volunteers place daily calls at an appointed time to check on the well-being of elderly persons who live alone, according to the Rev. C. Wesley Gordon temporary chairman of the Daily Care committee.

If the person does not answer at the appointed time, a neighbor or policeman will be asked to investigate. In event of a medical crisis, the volunteer caller will supply the name of the personal physician and nearest relatives.

The idea originated with a Saginaw woman, Mrs. Grace Sample McClure, who found an elderly friend who lay eight agonizing days on the kitchen floor after suffering a stroke. That was in 1957. Telephone reassurance services since have started across the country.

HOPES TO EXPAND

Other officers of the local committee are Kenneth Stewart, vice chairman; Mrs. Virginia Fuller, secretary; Mrs. William Wade, assistant secretary, and Mrs. Mary Jo Davis, treasurer. The committee hopes to expand and create a board of directors on a community-wide basis. Financial support also is being sought to meet starting expenses. Volunteers can enlist in the program by calling the Rev. Gordon or Mrs. Lafayette Rockette at the church office. The church is at South Crystal and East Empire avenues, Benton township.

The committee said that a telephone call can be the difference between life and death. Telephone reassurance helps elderly persons live independently with the knowledge that someone cares enough to make a call.

The Rev. Gordon also announced that the deaconess board of the church is seeking canes, crutches, wheel chairs and sick room equipment for loan to persons unable to buy their own.

Bomb Threat

Benton Harbor police said a bomb threat received by the Superior Steel Castings plant, 309 Graham avenue Friday proved to be false. They said an officer stood by until 11:30 p.m. but nothing occurred. The call was received at the plant about 10:50 p.m. Work was not interrupted.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

PULLMAN — Lawrence Verneill of Pullman is home after being a surgical patient in the South Haven Community Hospital, South Haven.



FLORIDA BOUND: Carla Sherrill of Three Oaks, Miss Blossomtime of 1969, got a sendoff Friday from Donald Humphrey (left), president of Blossomtime, Inc., and Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert Smith as she departed for New Port Richey, Fla., to be a special guest of the Chasco Fiesta. She will be in the fiesta parade and will receive an official welcome from Gov. Claude Kirk. Among her luggage was a bushel of Michigan Flavorbest apples to be distributed to Florida dignitaries. The young lady chosen Miss Chasco Fiesta will be a guest of the Blossomtime Festival May 3-9. (Staff photo)

McCoy Ready To Let Park Fans Have A Try

River Site Zoned Recreational

Atty. Thomas W. McCoy to-day said he will ask St. Joseph City Commission to table his request for purchase of a strip of riverfront property so park developers can have their chance at it.

An office building as proposed by McCoy would not conform either to the city's zoning ordinance or the city's master plan on which urban renewal development is based, the city attorney is reported to have ruled.

McCoy's decision came after St. Joseph City Atty. A. G. Preston Jr., wrote City Manager Leland L. Hill "it is my

opinion that the proposed use (to build a suite of law offices) is precluded by the zoning ordinance of the city of St. Joseph. The property in question is presently in the "I" recreational cultural district.

There are nine permissible uses, none of which refer to purely commercial enterprises."

McCoy had sought to buy 1.1 acres of riverfront property west of Blossomland bridge in the urban renewal area. The land is protected by a seawall installed by the urban renewal project.

McCoy said he plans to ask

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State Clean Water Funds Are Sought

Sewage System Expected To Cost Over \$11 Million

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

COLOMA — The four governmental units within the Paw Paw Lake Regional Planning commission will decide within five days whether to seek support from the Berrien County Public Works Board on a proposed \$11,045,870 sewage treatment system.

Agreement on this was reached last night by representatives of Coloma and Watervliet township boards and Coloma and Watervliet city commissions. They are members of the regional planning commission which met at Coloma city hall in a work session.

The planning commission will meet to review decisions of the two township and city commissions at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday at Watervliet township hall.

Fred Munchow, Jr., of Coloma, chairman of the planning commission, presented identical resolutions for each governmental unit to act on one way or another.

TO BREAK DEADLOCK

The reason is to break a deadlock in time to avoid losing a state-approv-ed \$5,624,500 grant to help finance the sewage treatment project for the region around Paw Paw lake. The grant, announced Monday, comes from clean water bond issues approved by voters of Michigan in 1968.

Munchow said the grant would be withdrawn for this year, if construction on the project were not started by next Oct. 1, unless an extension of time up to 90 days were specifically approved by the Michigan Water Resources commission.

Munchow emphasized that after two years of planning, the idea for a system to serve all four governmental units probably would fold up if construction does not begin soon.

Coloma city has approved the idea of a proposed \$11,045,870 sewage treatment involving lift stations. The system was developed by the consulting engineering firm of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May of Ann Arbor.

Watervliet township, however, earlier voted support for a gravity type system, proposed by another engineering firm, Richard II. Kraft Engineering, Inc., Flint.

Coloma township and Watervliet city have not made a selection.

OPTIMISM VOICED

Optimism was voiced last night in a straw vote by the planning commission that called for support from the Berrien County Public Works Board in constructing the system. The action, however, has no meaning, if any of the governmental units opposes immediate action.

Some 20 persons attended the meeting, including Jacob Thar, a resident of Coloma township who has questioned the soundness of proposed plans in the past. Thar last night attempted to speak, but Munchow did not give him the floor. Munchow said Thar has opposed the project and has had time to speak during regular meetings of the commission in the past. Munchow reminded that last night's meeting was a work session. Thar noted that a representative of the Watervliet Paper Co. was allowed to talk

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PACKING UP: Stuart M. Boss, (right) executive director for the Regional Consultation center, formerly located in Berrien county courthouse, empties file as office prepares to move into new quarters in the mental health center at Memorial hospital, St. Joseph. With him is Wally D. Versaw, clinical social work supervisor.

Memorial Mental Health Wing Gets 1st Occupant

Regional Consultation Center

The regional consultation center of the Michigan Department of Mental Health is the first unit to move into the new mental health wing adjoining Memorial hospital, St. Joseph.

The move was made yesterday, virtually without interruption, of the center's regular routine.

Stuart M. Boss, executive director, said most of the center's appointments had been scheduled to avoid the mid-day moving session although he was available to a patient, using a telephone from a partially assembled desk, shortly after arriving at the new building.

Workmen still were putting finishing touches in rooms in the suite of offices the consultation center will occupy.

STARTED IN '67

The center began operations in February, 1967. It was one of seven such centers established by the Mental Health department throughout the state.

Purpose of the center is to help former hospitalized mental patients return to their communities.

One important function of the center here, Outpatient branch offices will be maintained at Niles, Cassopolis, Dowagiac, Paw Paw and South Haven.

The staff includes Boss; Wally D. Versaw, clinical social work supervisor; Miss Janet Matula, social worker; Donald Johnson, patient rehabilitation worker; James McDowell, clinical social worker; two part-time consultants, Dr. S. O. DiLoreto, clinical psychologist, and Dr. Girard Rooks, psychiatrist; and a secretary-receptionist Mrs. Dorothy Ward.

All Around Our Towns

St. Joe Senior Rates High In Math Test



FIRE DESTROYS HOME: Firemen work to put out blaze that destroyed mobile home occupied by Richard Warnock family eight miles southeast of Fennville in Allegan county. Mrs. Warnock and family's three children including week-old twins were at home when fire broke out in living room area about 5:50 p.m. Friday. They escaped unharmed, reported Fennville firemen, who estimated loss at about \$6,000. Firemen said they were told the owner had partial insurance. Cause of the fire is not known. Owner is Robbie Warnock, sister of Richard Warnock and next door neighbor. (Prosch-Jensen photo)

REGISTRATION FEE \$3

BH Fluoride Program Deadline Is March 13

Benton Harbor school district parents have until Friday, March 13, to register children for the topical fluoride program, according to school nurses.

Eligible are preschoolers, three or four years old and second, fifth or eighth graders who live where city fluoridated water is not available.

A fee of \$3 must be submitted along with the registration card.

Parents who have not received cards can call the nurses at WA 5-2157.

The clinic will be held during the summer at Fairplain Junior high school. Four visits are required.

The fluoride application has been shown to reduce tooth decay by about 40 to 60 per cent compared to a 60 to 65 per cent reduction by drinking fluoridated water, according to the nurses.

The contest is sponsored by Michigan Industries and col-



JOHN NEIL IWAN

ST. JOSEPH High school senior John Neil Iwan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Iwan, 2901 Thayer drive, St. Joseph, finished in the top 100 in a statewide mathematics test originally taken by 26,000 high school students.

Iwan, math instructor Art Schultz and science instructor William Larken attended the Michigan Prize Competition dinner at Michigan State university recently.

The contest is sponsored by Michigan Industries and col-

leges. Students who place high in the competition are recommended for scholarships. The top four percent of the 26,000 who took the original test were eligible to take a second test. It was on this second test that Iwan finished in the top 100.

GREG SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Smith, 4801 Woodland, St. Joseph, has been elected to the office of Chaplain for Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Ill.

Smith is a sophomore majoring in business.

TWO songs of a 20-year-old Benton Harbor man have been released on a demonstration record by a Nashville music firm.

On the plug side, composer Larry Farrow of 658 Ogden avenue sings "Can't You See I Love You," which he describes as a ballad done in soul style. On the flip side, he sings "Education Is a Good Thing to Have," inspired by the James Brown hit, "Don't Be a Dropout."

A demonstration record, Farrow explains, is released to test public reaction. Issued by Nashville Music Products, his record has been played on a Detroit radio station. Farrow says, and he now is trying to get copies



LARRY FARROW
for local stations. Farrow believes the recording industry has opportunities for young people with ambition. Locally, Farrow believes, there is considerable musical talent but no one has made the effort. Farrow says this record is his second. His first was released in 1968 by a Boston music company. His first song, "It's

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH., SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1970

Tigers Beat Bears For Third Straight Title

WIN IN 'BATTLE OF NERVES', 72-62

By JIM DeLAND

Sports Editor

Benton Harbor's Tigers still rule the roost as Class A district champions after defeating St. Joseph 72-62 in a battle of nerves Friday night at the Colfax gym.

It is the third straight district championship and sixth in the past seven years for Benton Harbor, which will carry a 15-4 record into the regional tournament at Kalamazoo after beating the jitters and the Bears last night.

"The kids didn't seem nervous before the game," coach Ace Elsner said of his Tigers' shaky performance, "but tournaments can get to anyone. I think it's partly just the St. Joe-Benton Harbor rivalry."

Coach George Gauder's Bears did nothing to tranquilize the Tigers with an effective controlled game plan that might

have paid off in victory but for some up-light shooting and several crucial errors.

"We did slow them down and got them to play our game," Gauder said, "but we defeated ourselves with too many innumerable turnovers. One mistake isn't so bad, but when you come back and lose it two or three times in a row, you're in trouble."

That was the story for the Bears, who took repeated shots at the Tigers throughout the game but never were able to catch up after relinquishing the lead early in the second quarter.

Free throws provided the entire margin of victory for the Tigers, who hit 18 of 30 foul shots to 8 of 11 for the Bears, who were awarded only one free

throw in the entire second half. Don Hopkins led the way for the Tigers with 25 points, hitting 11 of 14 free throws in the process, while Al Williams, Rodney Rhodes and Gary Harris scored 10 apiece and John Gorton had eight.

Dan Brege was high for St. Joseph with 15 points, Mike White had 11, and Yogi Mort scored 10 — all in the fourth quarter when he singlehandedly brought the Bears' back into the game.

St. Joe actually dominated most of the first quarter with some determined rebounding and a controlled offense that produced a series of wide-open shots against Benton Harbor's man-to-man defense, but the Bears simply couldn't hit the basket and came out of the period with a modest 21-17 lead.

This quickly evaporated in the second period. The Tigers gained ties at 23 and 24 on baskets by Rhodes and then went ahead to stay in what may have been the turning point of the game.

Rhodes was called for a technical foul for protesting too vehemently on an out-of-bounds call, and it appeared that St. Joe would go ahead again. But Tim Polen missed the free throw, and when the Bears put the ball in play Harris stole it and scored on a layup to put the Tigers ahead 26-24. Another steal produced two free throws by Williams, and St. Joe never led again.

The Bears never quit trying, but appeared Benton Harbor switched to a 2-1-2 zone during the third quarter and spurred 10 points ahead at 48-38 while the Bears went scoreless for more than four minutes while trying to adjust their offense.

The Tigers gained their biggest lead at 53-42 when Hopkins tipped in the first basket of the fourth quarter, but Mort then pumped in four of five shots in a two-minute burst that brought the Bears to within five points, 55-50.

That was as close as they could come, however, as Hopkins, Rhodes and Gorton matched St. Joe basket-for-basket the rest of the way and capped off the victory by scoring the final four points of the game.

Fouls also cost St. Joseph the services of two players, including forward Scott Marutz who picked off 14 rebounds before going to the bench early in the fourth quarter.

Benton Harbor won the battle

of the boards 54-41 with Rhodes, Gorton and Harris hauling down 10 apiece, but made even more mistakes than St. Joe, 23-19, with wild passes the main problem.

"Instead of getting the short pass out and then starting to run, we threw it away with the long pass downcourt which was hardly ever open," Elsner said. "We didn't have enough movement on our offense either; the kids were just standing around too much."

The key basket of the entire affair, however, was probably a 23-footer by Odie Allison that swished through the net as the third quarter buzzer sounded and cut a six-point Lancer lead to four points as the fourth quarter opened.

It was only the second South Haven basket of the quarter in 11 tries and gave the Rams a total of three baskets in about 10 minutes of play after they had hit six of their first seven second quarter shots in an onslaught led by Barlow.

"Except for those 10 minutes," said South Haven coach M. H. White, "I thought that we played an excellent game."

(See TIGERS, Page 13)

Benton Harbor (72) vs. **St. Joseph (62)**

	G F P	G F P
Rhodes, J.	6 3 2	5 3 1
Gorton, J.	5 2 2	5 2 1
Harris, C.	3 2 1	3 3 1
Williams, G.	3 3 1	3 2 5
Hopkins, R.	7 1 1	7 1 4
Patterson, D.	1 0 1	1 0 1
Demler, J.	2 0 1	1 0 1
Podjarny, T.	1 1 0	2 1 1
Steinmetz, N.	1 0 1	1 0 1
Barlow, R.	1 0 1	1 0 1
Armstrong, D.	1 0 1	1 0 1
Mort, J.	—	5 0 0
TOTALS	27 8 11	27 8 21
SCORE BY QUARTERS		
Benton Harbor	17 20	14 21-22
St. Joseph	21 12	9 20-62
Officials:	Al Carter and Tony Martin (both of Kalamazoo).	

Benton Harbor (72) vs. **St. Joseph (62)**

G F P

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City of St. Joseph Audit Report

(Continued from preceding page)

Administration and engineering	3,141	2,388
Routine maintenance	38,315	32,831
Traffic services	6,559	4,116
Snow and ice removal	16,095	9,137
Transfer to Debt Retirement Fund	14,072	6,867
Purchase of investments		\$19,100
Debt service - principal		20,000
Debt service - interest and fees		2,666
Totals	\$107,549	\$65,056

CASH ON HAND, JUNE 30, 1969 \$ 20,575 \$ 298 \$ 133

Note - The above funds were established as of July 1, 1968. Therefore, no beginning cash is shown above.

Exhibit D**Employees' Retirement System****Analysis of Equity Accounts**

June 30, 1969

	Annuity	Pension	Retirement	Savings	Reserve	Total:
Receipts:						
Payroll deductions:						\$ 49,453
City	\$ 45,683					
Sanitation Authority	667					
Sewage disposal	3,103					
Employer contributions:						94,482
City	\$ 88,409					
Sanitation Authority	1,257					
Sewage disposal	4,816					
Interest on investments	9,288	39,010	\$ 12,033	60,330		
Total	\$ 58,741	\$ 133,492	\$ 12,033	\$ 204,265		
Beginning balances, July 1, 1968	333,054	686,076	388,121	1,407,251		
Total	\$391,795	\$819,568	\$400,153	\$1,611,516		

Disbursements						
Refunds to former employees	\$ 13,866					\$ 13,866
Benefits paid		\$ 42,445				42,445
Expenses-General Fund		\$ 1,212				1,212
Transfers for Retirements	13,023	53,536	(66,559)			
Total	\$ 26,889	\$ 54,748	\$ (24,114)	\$ 57,523		

Equity accounts \$364,906 \$764,820 \$424,287 \$1,553,993

Exhibit E**Water Supply System****Statement of Financial Condition**

June 30, 1969

Assets					
CURRENT					
Cash on hand (Exhibit F)	\$ 51,868				
Accounts receivable - past due	1,509				
Inventory of material	33,209	\$ 86,586			

INVESTMENTS					
Replacement Fund - U.S. Treasury bonds - 4% - 1980	\$ 20,000				
Receiving Fund:					
U.S. Treasury bills - 1969	100,000				
Water Improvement Fund:					
U.S. Treasury notes - 4 1/2% - 1972	200,000				
Operation and maintenance					
U.S. Treasury bond - 4 1/4% - 1974	25,000				
Bond and interest reserves					
U.S. Treasury bonds - 4% \$ 45,500					
U.S. Treasury bonds - 6% 15,000					
U.S. Treasury bonds - 4 1/4% 9,000					
Total	69,500				
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT					
Real property	\$ 2,901,733				
Personal property	70,012	\$ 2,971,745			
Allowance for depreciation		1,084,828			
Total	\$2,388,003				

Liabilities and Municipal Equity

LIABILITIES					
Bonds outstanding: Schedule E-1					
Refunding revenue	\$ 475,000				
General obligation - water system	535,000				

Total Liabilities \$1,010,000

MUNICIPAL EQUITY					
Current	\$ 86,586				
Property and equipment	1,291,417	1,378,003			

Total \$2,388,003

Schedule E-1**Water Supply System****Bond and Interest Requirements**

June 30, 1969

General Obligation		Refund Revenue			
Fiscal Year	Due 10-1	4%, 4%	Due 7-1	4%, 4%	Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
1969-70	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$20,000*	\$ 21,050	\$ 82,050
1970-71	20,000	20,200	20,000	20,200	80,400
1971-72	25,000	19,300	20,000	19,350	83,650
1972-73	25,000	18,300	20,000	18,500	81,800
1973-74	25,000	17,300	25,000	17,650	84,950
1974-75	25,000	16,300	25,000	16,587	82,887
1975-76	25,000	15,300	25,000	15,525	80,825
1976-77	30,000	14,200	30,000	14,400	88,600
1977-78	30,000	13,000	30,000	13,050	86,050
1978-79	30,000	11,800	30,000	11,700	83,500
1979-80	30,000	10,600	30,000	10,350	80,950
1980-81	30,000	9,400	35,000	9,000	83,400
1981-82	30,000	8,200	40,000	7,425	85,625
1982-83	30,000	7,000	40,000	5,625	82,625
1983-84	40,000	5,600	40,000	3,825	89,425
1984-85	40,000	4,000	45,000	2,025	91,025
1985-86	40,000	2,400	40,000	42,400	80,800
1986-87	40,000	800	40,000	40,800	80,800
Totals	\$155,000	\$214,700	\$475,000	\$206,262	\$1,430,962

Note - Bonds maturing July 1, 1970 are listed on the fiscal year 1969-70 line since the cash to retire these bonds must be accumulated during this period. Subsequent maturities are listed in a corresponding manner.

RECEIPTS					
Water sales and service	\$ 366,840				
Water taps	7,940				
Gas tap refunds	535				
Hydrant rental	16,200				
Merchandise and Jobbing	8,577				
Total operating receipts ...	\$400,093				

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS					

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LEGALS

ORDINANCE NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARK STREET VIA-DUCT IN THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, AND THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO DEFRAY THE COST THEREOF.

THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH ORDAINS:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of St. Joseph, County of Berrien, Michigan, hereby determines it to be necessary for and to secure the public welfare of the City of St. Joseph and its residents to replace and improve the Park Street viaduct between Lake Boulevard and Lions Park Drive in the City of St. Joseph shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City at the general election to be held Monday, April 6, 1970, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

Section 2. The question to be submitted and the official ballot for absentees voters shall be as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR ELECTORS AT GENERAL ELECTION

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, for value received hereby promises to pay to the bearer the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS

on the first day of October, 1970, with interest thereon from the date hereof until paid at the rate of per cent (%) per annum, payable on October 1, 1970, and semi-annually thereafter on the first day of April and October of each year, upon presentation and surrender of the proper interest coupons hereto annexed as they severally become due. Both principal and interest are hereby made payable in lawful money of the United States of America at

out of general funds of said city, and for the prompt payment thereof, the full faith, credit and resources of the City of St. Joseph are hereby irreversibly pledged.

This bond is one of a series of forty-two (42) bonds of even date and like tenor, except as to rate of interest and date of maturity, aggregating the principal sum of \$210,000.00 issued for the purpose of replacing and improving the Park Street viaduct between Lake Boulevard and Lions Park Drive in the City of St. Joseph, pursuant to an Ordinance adopted by the City Commission and shall said Ordinance be adopted?

YES NO

Section 15. Registration of electors shall be held until Friday, March 6, 1970, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time at the Office of the City Clerk in the City Hall, City of St. Joseph, Michigan, and the City Clerk shall give notice of registration by publication thereof at least twice in the St. Joseph Herald-Press not less than ten days prior to the last day of receiving registrations.

Bonds of this issue are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

This bond and the interest thereon are exempt from any and all taxation whatsoever by the State of Michigan or by any taxing authority within said State.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the series of which this is one, have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of St. Joseph, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, by its City Commission, has caused this bond to be signed in the name of said city by its Mayor and to be attested by its City Clerk under the corporate seal of the City and the coupons hereto attached to be signed by the facsimile signatures of said Mayor and City Clerk, all of the first day of July, A.D. 1970.

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH
By _____

(Seal)

Attest:

City Clerk

(Form of Coupon)

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On the first day of _____ A.D. 19_____, the City of St. Joseph, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, promises to pay to the bearer hereof the sum shown herein at _____, being the interest due that date on its General Obligation Park Street Improvement Bond, Series of 1970, No. _____, dated July 1, 1970.

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